

1	2	3
8.	Cheating	2
9.	Kidnapping	8
10.	304 Indian Penal Code	4
11.	307 Indian Penal Code	15
12.	Escape from Jail	1
13.	324 Indian Penal Code	1
14.	328 Indian Penal Code	3
15.	Explosive Act	1
16.	436 Indian Penal Code	1
17.	Delhi Police Act	1
18.	Arms Act	4

(c) The Supreme Court, in two public interest litigations, recently laid down the criteria for release of those undertrials who have already spent the maximum time for which they could have been sentenced on conviction. In pursuance to these directions of the Apex Court, About 400 prisoners were released under the orders of the trial courts.

HOPCOM Outlets

3584. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Cooperative Development Corporation has sanctioned any amount to open Horticulture Produce cooperative Marketing (HOPCOM) outlets in the Karnataka State;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for the said purpose;

(c) the number of HOPCOM outlets to be opened in the State with NCDC assistance.

(d) the places where these would be opened?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (d). yes, Sir. The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) as part of their expansion programme has sanctioned financial assistance for setting up of retail outlets only to Horticulture Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society Ltd., (HOPCOMS) Lalbagh, Bangalore, Karnataka State. The corporation has approved setting up of 245 retail outlets by HOPCOMS at an estimated cost of Rs.177.80 lakhs during 1990-91 wherein NCDC's share of assistance was Rs.133.80 lakhs during 1990-91 wherein NCDC's share of assistance was Rs.133.35 lakhs. The HOPCOMS, Bangalore have opened these retail outlets as under :-

Name of City	No. of retail outlets
1	2
Bangalore	156
Mysore	36

1	2
Mangalore	19
Kolar	13
Mandya	13
Tumkur	8
	245

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Relief Fund

3585. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether all staff members of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) have voluntarily donated one day's salary in the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Relief Fund, 1996.

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether officials of NSCFDC were also deputed in Andhra Pradesh to provide assistance for undertaking economic activities?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A sum of Rs.22,022/- being one days' salary of NSFDC's employees has been sent to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's Relief Fund vide Cheque No. 201865 dated 18-11-1996.

(c) Yes, Sir. NSFDC had deputed its Zonal Officer, Hyderabad to visit areas affected by cyclone to take stock of the situation and extent of damages suffered by SCs and STs covered under NSFDC's schemes and also to suggest measures for providing other assistance to the effected SC & ST families. On the basis of the recommendation of the State channelising agency, necessary remedial measures will be taken by the NSFDC.

Import of Fertilizers from CIS Countries

3586. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
DR. C. SILVERA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have relaxed statutory specifications for the potassic fertilisers being imported from the Commonwealth of Independent States countries despite the Indian Council of Agricultural Research's warning that it would encourage the inferior imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to take some measures to remove the apprehensions of I.C.A.R. while importing potassic fertilisers from the CIS countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The particle size specification of Mutiate of Potash (MOP) for import from the Commonwealth of Independent States countries (CIS) has been relaxed from the existing 95 per cent to 65 per cent between (-) 1.7 mm and 0.25 mm IS sieve, on 31.10.1996 for a period of one year.

It is not correct to say that the relaxation in particle size of MOP has been made against the technical opinion of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. In fact, no technical opinion has been expressed by ICAR about the particle size of MOP.

(c) to (e). Question does not arise.

Extremist Organisations

3587. SHRI UDDHAB BHARMAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the extremist Organisations of the N.E. Region sponsoring sovereignty have expressed willingness to have talk with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). it will not be in public interest to disclose any details at this stage.

[Translation]

Pollution in Gaya

3588. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received some

representations from some Members of Parliament and some other Institutions that people of Gaya in Bihar are suffering from all round pollution;

(b) whether water of ancient ponds has been filled with filth by the Municipal Corporation resulting in permanent pollution there;

(c) whether the officials of the Central Pollution Control Boards alongwith the officials of the Bihar State Pollution Control Board had inspected the said ponds years ago and submitted a report to the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the present actual position and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Bihar State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board examined water quality of Dighi Talab and Surajkund in Gaya. The water quality in respect of Dissolved Oxygen concentration is within the limit as per the primary water quality criteria for outdoor bathing.

(d) The Department of Urban Development, Government of Bihar has initiated a study under the Urban Lake Conservation Programme.

Cases of Police Firing in Delhi

3589. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of lives lost due to police firing during 1994, 1995 and 1996 till date and the manner in which they compare with the preceding three years;

(b) whether the cases of police firing were got inquired into by the Government;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

Year	Number of incidents of police firing	Number of lives lost in police firing	Number of cases in which Enquiry/Magisterial Enquiry was conducted	Findings of Enquiry	Action taken on the findings
1	2	3	4	5	6
1991	1	1	-	-	A case under section 302 IPC has been registered at Police Station Alipur. The case is pending trial in the court.